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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.53 (e) TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FILING OF FIGURE 27 WITH
ORIGINAL APPLICATION

Sir:

The Patent Office issued a Notice Of Incomplete Reply for the above-identified application on November 21, 2001. This is Petition is directed towards the contention of the Patent Office that Figure 27 was omitted from the original application. Applicants are simultaneously submitting substitute formal drawings in accord with a request from the Patent Office to revise the labeling of the drawings.

That Notice incorrectly contends that Figure 27 (as described in the specification) was omitted from the original application filed on June 1, 2001. This contention is, however,

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incorrect because Figure 27 was submitted with the original application on June 1, 2001. It is believed that the Patent Office overlooked the presence of Figure 27 when reviewing the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the informal drawings filed with the application included a complete set of drawings.


In support of this petition, Applicants hereby submit a double-sided copy of the return postcard which accompanied the original application and which has been date-stamped by the Patent Office. A total of 64 sheets of informal drawings were submitted with the patent application. This is confirmed by the Filing Receipt (a copy of which is attached), which indicates that the PTO received all 64 sheets. Copies of all 64 sheets of informal drawings are attached.

It can be seen that sheet 23 includes a "FIG. 22" and a "FIG. 27." Sheet 23 includes a "FIG. 23.", "FIG. 24", "FIG. 25", and "FIG. 26." Applicants thus respectfully submit that a complete set of Figures is present and properly labeled in the informal drawings filed with the application.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office acknowledge that Figure 27 was submitted with the remainder of the above-identified application on the original filing date of June 1, 2001. Additionally, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying petition fee of \$130.00 be refunded incident to this finding.

Respectfully submitted,
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